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For: METHOD FOR DIGESTING PROTEINS HIGHLY RESISTANT TO DENATURATION  
AND DEGRADATION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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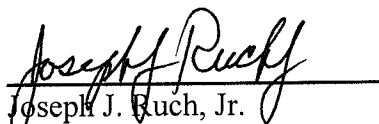
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